# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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PROJECT FOR AREA OF PULSES CULTIVATION IN A. P.
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any project is being implemented for increasing area of cultivation of pulses in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made during 2004-05; and

(c) and amount allocated by the Union Government for the project for 2005-06 and the manner it is proposed to be spent?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) and (b) Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize` (ISOPOM) in 14 major pulses growing states including Andhra Pradesh, with a view to increase the production and productivity of pulses in the country. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant protection chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of Rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/ liming/dolomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, publicity etc. to encourage farmers to grow pulses. The area coverage and production of pulses in Andhra Pradesh during the year 2004-05 are 17.65 lakh hectare and 11.54 lakh tonnes respectively. An amount of Rs. 110.976 lakhs has been utilized on the implementation of pulses development programmes during 2004-05 by the state of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Government of India has proposed an allocation of Rs. 2650 lakhs to Andhra Pradesh under ISOPOM for the year 2005-06. This amount will be utilized by the State for the implementation of oilseeds, pulses, oilpalm and maize development programmes under ISOPOM as per the annual action plan.